

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A method for outputting data in a vehicle, comprising the steps of:
 causing a processing device to generate the data;
 transmitting the data from the processing device on a data^{bus}, an output unit being
 connected to the data bus;
 causing the output unit to receive the data via the data bus;
 processing the data that is received by the output unit; and
 causing the output unit to output the data that is processed.

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A1 21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein:
 the data includes at least one of vehicle data and driving-information items.

22. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein:
 the data bus is digital.

23. (New) A method for outputting a driving-information item generated by a navigation
 device using an output unit, comprising the steps of:
 assigning the driving-information item a position in a digital map;
 ascertaining a vehicle position by the navigation device;
 transmitting the driving-information with corresponding positions, via a data bus, to
 the output unit;
 transmitting the vehicle position to the output unit; and
 outputting the driving-information item as a function of at least one of the position
 assigned to the driving-information item and of the vehicle position.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein:
 the driving-information item includes driving instructions.

25. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:
 displaying a map having a road and route network simultaneously to the output of the
 driving-information item.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:
ascertaining a segment of the map containing the vehicle position by one of the output
unit and the navigation device; and
displaying the segment by the output unit.

27. (New) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:
assigning the driving-information item a scale ranking; and
selecting a scale of the segment as a function of the scale ranking.

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28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein:
the step of assigning the scale ranking is performed by the navigation device.

29. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:
outputting the driving-information item by the output unit in response to a distance
value of a distance from the position assigned to the driving-information item to the vehicle
position falling below a preselected distance value.

30. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
causing the output unit to process at least one of a graphics object and audio data, the
graphics object being assigned to the driving-information item and the audio data being
assigned to the driving-information item and relating to a voice output;
storing the graphics object and the audio data in a memory assigned to the output unit;
and
causing the output unit to output the graphics object and the audio data in a
corresponding one of a display and a loudspeaker.

31. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
storing at least one of a plurality of processed graphics objects and processed audio
data in a memory assigned to the output unit; and
outputting at least one of audio data assigned to the driving-information item and a
stored graphics object assigned to the driving-information item.

32. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein:
the processed audio data is for a voice output.
33. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
transmitting at least one of a graphics object that is at least one of processed and stored in a processing device and audio data that is at least one of stored and processed in the processing device via the data bus to the output unit; and
the graphics object that is at least one of processed and stored in the processing device and the audio data that is at least one of stored and processed in the processing device are output by the output unit.
34. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:
by request of a processing device to the output unit, via the data bus, logging on to the processing device for transmission of data to the output unit;
granting the processing device permission by the output unit, via the data bus, to transmit data; and
after the permission is processed, causing the processing device to transmit the data to the output unit.
35. (New) A driver-information device, comprising:
an output unit;
a processing device; and
a data-bus connection between the output unit and the processing device, wherein:
the processing device is able to generate data,
the data is transmittable via the data-bus connection to the output unit,
the output unit is able to process the data, and
the output unit is able to output the data.
36. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 35, further comprising:
a storage unit, wherein:
the processing device is a navigation device for determining a route in a road and route network, from a starting point to a destination,
the navigation device is connected to a storage unit,

a digital map for the road and route network is stored in the storage unit,
a driving instruction for a trip in the road and route network can be generated
by the navigation device,

a position in the digital map is assignable to the driving instruction,
the driving instruction and the assigned position are the data that can be
transmitted via the data-bus connection to the output unit, and

a driving-information item can be output by the output unit in response to a
preselected distance between a vehicle position and the position assigned to the
driving-information item being reached.

37. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 36, wherein:
the output unit is connected to the storage unit, and
data for generating a map display are stored in the storage unit.

38. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 35, wherein:
the data-bus connection is a digital data-bus connection corresponding to one
of a MOST-bus connection and a CAN-bus connection.

39. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 35, further comprising:
an input unit situated at the output unit, wherein:
data that for control can be transmitted by the input unit via the data-bus
connection to the processing device.

40. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 35, further comprising:
a display unit situated at the output unit, wherein:
the display unit is situated in a region that is in one of a center console of a
vehicle and in front of a driver.

41. (New) The driver-information device according to claim 40, wherein:
the display unit is integrated into a combination instrument having a plurality
of display devices.

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